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*THE INTERNATIONAL GEODETIC
ASSOCIATION.*

THE 15th general conference of the International Geodetic Association will meet in the hall of the Academy of Sciences at Budapest on September 20, 1906, and the following program has been arranged to cover the work of the conference:

1. Opening of the conference.
2. Report of the perpetual secretary.
3. The extension of the convention of 1895 for a new period of ten years.
4. The selection of a committee on finance.
5. The report of the director of the Central Bureau on the work of the bureau during the triennial period 1903-1906.
6. Report on the observations of latitude in the northern hemisphere.
7. Report on the observations of latitude in the southern hemisphere.
8. Discussion on the continuation of the observations of latitude.
9. Report of the Central Bureau on the determinations of gravity at sea and on the coasts.
10. General reports.
 - (a) On triangulation.
 - (b) On the measurement of base lines.
 - (c) On leveling of precision.
 - (d) On the measurement of tides.
 - (e) On the determination of longitude, latitude and azimuth.
 - (f) On deflections of the vertical.
 - (g) On the determinations of gravity.
11. Presentation of national report.
12. Discussion of the following subjects proposed by the Association of Academies:
 - (a) Levels of precision in mountain chains subject to earthquakes with a view of determining whether such mountain chains are stable or subject to movements either of elevation or depression.
 - (b) Measures of the value of gravity for the purpose of throwing light on the internal distribution of terrestrial masses and on the rigidity or isostasy of the coast of the globe.
13. Program of the director of the Central Bureau for work to be undertaken during the following years.
14. Report of the committee on finance.
15. Estimate of expenses for the following years.
16. Election of a president, vice-president and perpetual secretary for a period of ten years.
17. Miscellaneous communications.

THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

May 21.—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to cooperate through the Bureau of the Coast and Geodetic Survey and the Bureau of Fisheries with the Shellfish Commissioners of the State of Maryland, in making surveys of the natural oyster beds, bars, rocks and waters within the State of Maryland, passed the Senate.

May 24.—The bill for the preservation of American antiquities passed the Senate.

May 28.—The resolution to prohibit the killing of wild birds and other wild animals in the District of Columbia passed the House.

May 28.—The bill incorporating the Archeological Institute of America was approved by the President.

The Honorable George M. Bowers was nominated for reappointment as Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries.

THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

WE take pleasure in publishing a letter addressed by the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia to the California Academy of Sciences and resolutions adopted by the Botanical Society of Washington in commendation of the services of Miss Alice Eastwood:

THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES
OF

PHILADELPHIA.

LOGAN SQUARE.

May 31, 1906.

MR. J. O. B. GUNN,

*Corresponding Secretary of the California
Academy of Sciences:*

Sir:—The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, sympathizing with the California Academy of Sciences in the affliction resulting from earthquake and fire, as an evidence of appreciation of the work done for the advancement of knowledge during the last fifty-three years, and in admiration of the fine courage which does not succumb to a calamity of even such magnitude, desires to assist in the process of resurrection.

The council of this academy has, therefore, directed that, if required, as complete series as possible of its publications, together with a collection of duplicate books, be sent to the California Academy as a contribution toward the replacing of its library.